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The following remarks are submitted in complete response to the Office Action, and address in *seriatim* the merits of Office Action that require such response.

I. NOTE REGARDING DRAWINGS:

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's comments at paragraph 1, page 2 of the Office Action regarding the requirement for formal drawings. As permitted by the Examiner, the Applicant will submit formal drawings at the time the application is allowed.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-32 UNDER 35 USC § 103 – Kito, et al.

Spanning pages 2 through 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-32 under 35 USC § 103(a) allegedly as being unpatentable over Kito et al. (USP 5,946,464) in view of Rogers et al. (USP 5,974,441). According to the Examiner, Kito et al. teaches “a manifest about a software package as ‘function such as schedule, document management and workflow’” by citing Kito et al. at col. 4, lines 9-33. Furthermore, the Examiner asserts that Kito et al. teaches “content source and functions related to its functionality as ‘agent clients by which respective users define their agents’” by citing Kito et al. at col. 4, lines 34-35. And, according to the Examiner, Kito et al. teaches “said data sources are processed in a network to achieve their expected functionality as ‘on the basis of the user’s input, prepares agent definition information and transmits the prepared

[sic: _____] to the agent generation unit of the agent server through the network””
by citing Kito et al. at col. 5, lines 23-26.

According to the Examiner, Kito et al. teaches the invention except for explicitly teaching a browser. Hence, the Examiner has relied on Rogers et al. patent. It is the Examiner’s position that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the browser as taught by Rogers into the network described in Kito et al. because Kito operates with computer networks and Rogers suggests that optimization can be obtained with browsers.

The Applicant hereby TRAVERSES the Examiner’s rejection and asserts the following remarks.

The Kito et al. patent is directed to a groupware system that facilitates a collaborative work environment among multiple users and, in particular, one that facilitates database operations to drive groupwise scheduling, email, workflow, and document management. See e.g., Kito et al. at Abstract, and col. 4, line 1-30. The system of Kito et al. is a highly distributed one in which multiple users access and modify databases that ultimately affect the views of such databases by other users. Accordingly, it is perplexing that the Examiner has cited the Kito et al. patent against the instant application and, more particularly, against claims 1-32.

While Kito et al. can be said to incorporate networking technologies (e.g., client-server arrangements), the Kito et al. patent can in no way be interpreted or otherwise construed to show or otherwise disclose a self-contained software package of the type contemplated and defined by claims 1-32 of the instant application. Moreover, although Rogers et al. can be said to disclose open-standards based technologies and topologies, it

cannot be viewed to make up for the deficiencies of Kito et al. so that the instant claimed invention would have been obvious to those skilled in the art.

The instant invention as defined by claims 1-32 is directed to structures and processes that are concerned with a self-contained software package; such a software package includes a manifest containing meta-data and at least one reference to a content source that contains instructions (e.g., HTML code, etc.) corresponding to a particular functionality (e.g., manifestation of a web page within a browser, etc.). See e.g., claim 1, lines 1-14, and Figure 4 for example. More particularly, claims 1-32 define the instant invention by specifying a self-contained software package (claim 1), a browser configured to input such a self-contained software package (claim 12), a method for generating and processing such a self-contained software package (claim 21), and a method of using a browser configured to process such a self-contained software package (claim 30). Such a self contained- software package may be used to wrap up web pages, scripts, images, sound files, JAVA, etc. into self-contained units for processing within a browser software environment. See instant application at page 10, lines 5-15. And, since all content necessary to drive a particular functionality is CONTAINED within the self-contained software package, the same may be executed totally and completely within a browser, thus enabling software downloads, software distribution, etc. These features are embodied within the claims: For example, claim 1 states that its initial content source controls "said network client environment in accordance with said instructions to achieve said particular intended functionality. Claim 12, for example, defines a web browser that includes "an input module inputting a manifest containing meta data about said self-contained software package, and at least one reference to an initial content source, said

initial content source including instructions related to a particular intended functionality.” Claim 21’s method also includes method steps that correspond to the features of claim 1. And, independent claim 30, defines a method of using a browser that includes steps of receiving a manifest, receiving a reference to an initial content source, and automatically processing such a manifest to execute a self-contained software package.

The cited references cannot in any be said to show, teach or otherwise suggest the claimed invention as defined by claims 1-32. That is, by no twisted or tortured reading of the cited references, especially Kito et al., would one of ordinary skill in the art have rendered the invention of claims 1-32 obvious. And, contrary to the Examiner’s position, Kito et al. is likely to be a reference that artisans would consider as teaching away from the claimed invention. **That is, Kito et al. teaches a distributed system for facilitating groupwise computing and processing; WHEREAS, in great contrast, the present invention as defined by claims 1-32 is concerned with a self-contained software package and one that can be downloaded or distributed and automatically run within a web browser application.** See e.g., claim 1, for example. Although the Examiner broke the claims into subgroups of rejected claims, it is not necessary to provide additional comments about the Examiner’s other bases for rejection. And, since all dependent claims include all the limitations of their respective base claims, it goes without saying that such claims are clearly patentable over the cited references for the same reasons that claims 1, 12, 21, and 30 are patentable. Thus, as the Examiner must concede that the cited references and alleged combinations of the same are completely and totally deficient in showing, teaching, or otherwise suggesting or disclosing the claimed invention of claims 1-32, the rejection of claims 1-32 must be WITHDRAWN

and that claims 1-32 must be allowed to issue in a U.S. Patent for which such action is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION:


This Response is submitted in complete response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2000. Per this Response, claims 1-32 are pending in the application and are presented for re-consideration, which action is earnestly requested.

It is believed that no additional fees are due or owing in regard to the submission of this Response and its attached and related papers. However, if such fees are deemed due, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at the address and telephone number listed below.

If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview will in any way expedite the handling of this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the address and telephone numbers listed below.

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